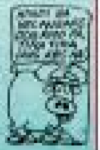
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Duterte wants 'askal' trained as bomb sniffer



Paris Hilton tells CNN's Larry King in first post-jail interview she'll use her celebrity to call attention to worthy causes. WORLD / A27

SC junks Koko petition

But Pimentel vows fight is not over for 12th slot

THE RACE FOR THE 12TH SPOT IN THE SENATE remained too close to call even as the Supreme Court yesterday junked Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III's petition to stop the Commission on Elections from tallying the Maguindanao votes, paving the way for the poll body to continue the tally of the provincial certificate of canvass (CoC).





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WEATHER FORECAST

Teves facing graft raps, say solons

By Alcuin Papa

STRIKING BACK AT THEIR ACCUSER, NEGROS Oriental Rep. Herminio Teves, congressmen-members of the Commission on Appointments yesterday claimed that Teves' son, Finance Secretary Margarito Teves, was himself involved in extortion.

Palace behind Manny – Miriam

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.



CHIEF Justice Reynato Puno (right) administers the oath of office to Sen. Gregorio Honasan at the Supreme Court yesterday. At left is Honasan's wife, Jane.

Honasan: I'll be independent despite dismissal of charges

By Leila B. Salaverria and DJ Yap



Comelec meets on automation

DFA names envoy tagged in shoplifting incident

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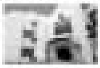


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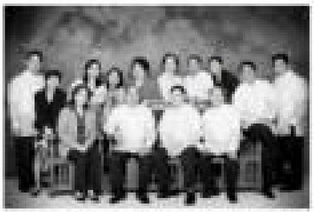






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Mayoral bet, cops tagged in school arson

Sandigan bars Estrada from Lim oath-taking





Terror suspect in Jolo, says military



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Muslim religious leaders hit harassment, seek dialogue

Signs of torture

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Enron prosecutor addresses RP counterparts on corruption



Osmeña: Onerous deals due to lack of punishment

The Daily Gospel



Ombudsman orders graft raps vs ex-PNP school head







ZTE's Statement on Philippine NBN Project

ZTE Corporation recently inked a deal with the Philippine government for a National Broadband Network (NBN) project, which aims to narrow the development gap between the rich and the poor by setting up an integrated nationwide communications network that interconnects all state agencies and units from the national to the "Barangay" levels. The NBN will establish and ensure connectivity and access to deliver e-government and other services for the entire country, especially those in the unserved and underserved rural areas.

From the outset, the NBN project has drawn much attention and interest from various sectors and the media. Unfortunately, some of the media reports have contained inaccurate, misleading, and untrue statements which have not only unfairly portrayed the NBN project but seriously undermined ZTE's reputation as well. As a prestigious listed corporation in China with projects and dealings all over the world, ZTE has earned respect from and a fine reputation in the international telecommunications industry. ZTE is therefore compelled to state the following:

1. As a listed company in the Hong Kong and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, ZTE adheres to the philosophy of trust, diligence, and technical innovation. As a result of its constant and continuing R&D and quality products and service, ZTE has become one of the leading telecom equipment suppliers in the global market. ZTE has over 14,000 employees involved in R&D alone. Today, ZTE supplies its products and services to over 500 operators in more than 100 countries, including the world's top-class operators such as Vodafone, France Telecom, Telefonica, Telstra, China Telecom, and China Mobile, among many others.

2. It was because of ZTE's reputation, high qualifications, cutting-edge technical capability, and cost-effective solutions that it was chosen to undertake the NBN project by the Philippine government. As with its ZTE's many projects in other countries, the NBN project was executed, and will be undertaken in full compliance with local and Chinese laws and regulations.

ZTE is grateful for this opportunity to undertake such an important project and participate in helping promote Philippine progress. It urges the media and the public to ensure and observe accuracy and fairness in their reports and discussions, and to support the NBN project and its laudable goals.

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Excellence Unmasked: Insular Life's Sales Awards Night

Excellence Unmasked was a tribute to the members of Insular Life's agency force who performed excellently in sales and service in 2006. Held on April 9, 2007 at The Grand Ballroom of Hotel InterContinental Manila, the event theme played on the many facets of excellence that proved the Filipino's capability to be world-class sales professionals. Insular Life Chairman and CEO Vicente R. Ayllon, President and COO Mayo Jose B. Ongsingco, and Senior Vice President and Head of Sales Marietta C. Gomez paid tribute to the outstanding performers on this very special occasion.

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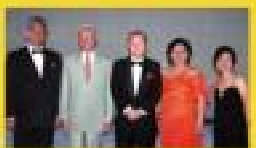














Abalos: Bedol to surrender today

SC junks Koko petition; court votes unanimous

"Tainted with fraud"

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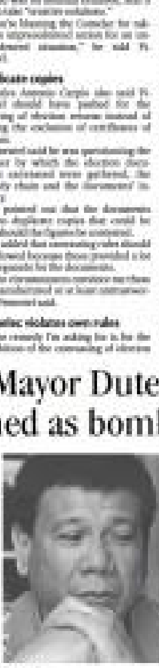
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Davao City Mayor Duterte wants 'askal' trained as bomb sniffers



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Security measure

No leftovers for imported dogs

Gov't bucks Pasay court's choice of Naia 3 appraiser

By Julie M. Aurelio

Short list

Agreement

Two appraisers

GMA, Fr. Ed discuss aid for P'panga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—President Macapagal-Arroyo and Pampanga Governor-elect Fr. Eddie Panlilio met for the first time on Thursday and over lunch in Malacañang discussed how to bring progress to their province.

At the meeting that lasted from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the President pledged to help the province specifically through infrastructure, housing and flood-mitigating projects, Panlilio said.

"She asked me to submit a comprehensive development plan. She was particularly concerned about the flooding problem and how it affects the people and access to Clark," Panlilio told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

Supportive

Arthur Macapagal, the President's brother, joined the meeting. Four business leaders supportive of Panlilio were also present, an INQUIRER source said.

Panlilio, a Catholic priest who has been granted leave by the Church, will take his oath of office on June 30 as the 26th governor of Pampanga.

Justice Consuelo Ynares-Santiago will administer the oath to Panlilio at the provincial capitol here at noon on Saturday.

Ms Arroyo was in a "very, very happy mood" during the meeting with Panlilio, an INQUIRER source said. They addressed each other as "kabalen" (province-mate).

Partners in dev't

"I think the occasion was our way of saying we are partners in development work," Panlilio said.

Panlilio has also held unity building meetings with Vice Gov. Joseller Guiao, provincial board members and mayors including Lubao Mayor Dennis Pineda and Sta. Rita Mayor Yolanda Pineda, a son and daughter-in-law of losing gubernatorial candidate Lilia Pineda whom he defeated.

The Regional Development Council, composed of government officials and private sector leaders in Central Luzon, presented to him on Wednesday a draft of the Pampanga development program.

Panlilio said this would be presented to leaders of local governments and civil society groups in a workshop in July so their concerns could be incorporated into it.

Relationships

"I believe in the importance of relationships before anything else. I hope to establish very cordial but very professional relationships in the capitol and with local officials and other stakeholders," he said.

"We have to go beyond partisan politics and address the needs of the people and the province," he said. ***Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon***

RP vets bill OK'd by US Senate panel

THE UNITED STATES Senate veterans committee yesterday approved a bill that would provide a special set of benefits for Filipino World War II veterans as well as others who had fought under the US flag.

Philippine Ambassador to Washington Willy Gaa said in a statement released by the Department of Foreign Affairs that Senate Bill No. 1315, or the Omnibus Benefits Bill, was approved in a special hearing conducted by the committee at the Dirksen Building on Capitol Hill.

Special occasion

"Today marks a special and historic occasion in our long-standing quest for justice and equity for our brave and courageous Filipino World War II veterans," Gaa said.

"More significantly, and for the first time in history, the important contributions of Filipino veterans of the last World War are now being officially recognized by a US legislative enactment," he added.

This was the farthest the equity bill has come since the US Congress first tried to repeal the 1946 Rescission Law in 1993. That budget bill deprived thousands of Filipino veterans the benefits due them as former members of the US Armed Forces.

Gallantry

Gaa said the bill's passage into law would benefit thousands of surviving Filipino veterans in the Philippines.

More importantly, he said, it was a recognition of the gallantry of Filipinos who heeded the call of then US President Franklin Roosevelt to join the war effort.

The US Senate version of the bill provides for a minimum annual pension of $3,600 for a Filipino World War II veteran living alone and without dependents. The amount varies if he is married, with dependents or the beneficiary is a veteran's widow.

The bill also increases the life insurance benefits of all disabled veterans and improves the benefits of soldiers with severe burns or traumatic injuries—like those suffered by servicemen who served in Iraq.

Rectify a wrong

In a report to the US Congress, Gaa gave the number of surviving Filipino World War II veterans in the US Army Roster at 18,155, about two-thirds of whom are living in the Philippines.

Gaa also thanked Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, chair of the Senate veterans committee, for sponsoring the bill and for working for its passage in the committee.

Akaka has said the equity bill "gives the committee an opportunity to rectify a wrong done to Filipino World War II veterans over 60 years ago."

Cynthia D. Balana

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Opinion

Poor Migz?

EDITORIALS

THREE-TERM CONGRESSMAN AND TEAM UNITY senatorial candidate Juan Miguel Zubiri says he does not cheat in elections. That doesn't mean, however, that he will not benefit from election fraud. Consider the Maguindanao vote.

On May 16, Mindanews reported that, "as expected," Team Unity had swept the provincial elections. [illegible]

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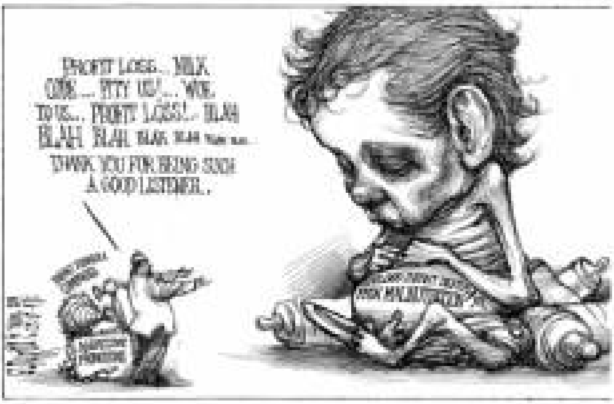
Coincidence? You decide.

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Incredible Bedol

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS IS CERTAINLY taking its sweet time with Maguindanao election supervisor Lintang Bedol. [illegible]

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Comelec should wait for SC decision

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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'Either knew or… should have known'

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

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A perplexing irony

ANALYSIS

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So many women, so many stories

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



Lizards that sing?

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



LETTERS

An ignominy in Pampanga, Tarlac and Pangasinan

An encounter with shame in Clark

Plea for a Burmese political prisoner

More of old plaints re GSIS eCard

Liquids ban in hand luggage to be lifted

By Tarra Quismundo

New immigration unit bars would-be OFWs from leaving

PAL expanding operations to Clark

Across the NATION

Italy told: Help in rescue not for sale

COTABATO CITY—REELECTED REP. ABDULLAH Dimaporo of Lanao del Norte's second district has expressed doubts over the reported promise of the Italian Embassy to provide economic aid to the village whose inhabitants could lead to the whereabouts of missing Italian priest Giancarlo Bossi.



RMN first in Philippines with Multicast HD Radio (From L-R) Mr. Eric Canoy, RMN CEO; Ms. Dezy Kelly of Broadcast World and Mr. Peter Conlon, CEO / President, Nautel

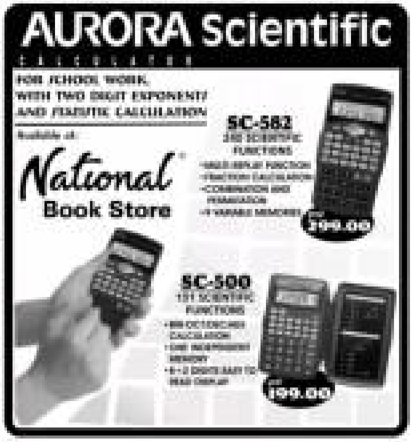
Execs get death threats after bloody eviction

"There were negotiations being made in between the gunfight, but we had casualties..."

After much delay, Antique winners declared today

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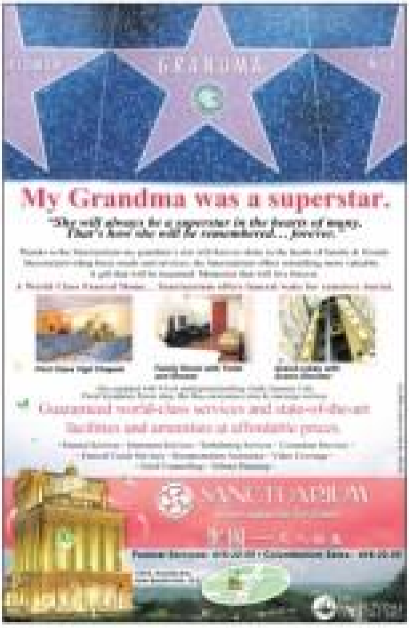
Gov, private firm told to pay trader ₱120M






A SOLDIER checks on an armored personnel carrier prior to deployment for the May 14 elections.

Army pulls out troops in Bulacan rampage



NDF says cops prosecuting fall guys in mayor's ambush



Palawan winning war on malaria with use of simple method





AFP: We can beat NPA rebs without US help

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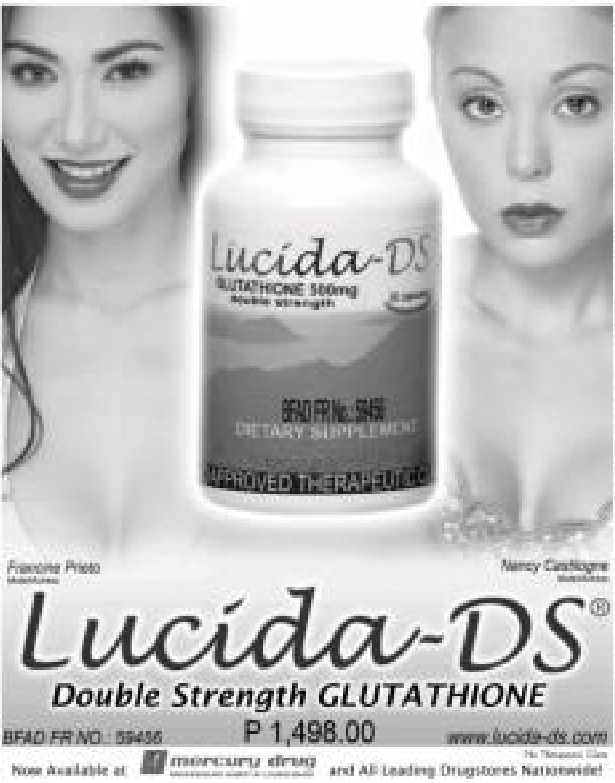
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Burgoses may be given 'restricted' documents

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THE ADMIRAL AND THE GENERAL.

Surveillance

Our side not heard in 'dirty war' report, says AFP

AFP not asked

All-out war

Individual targets

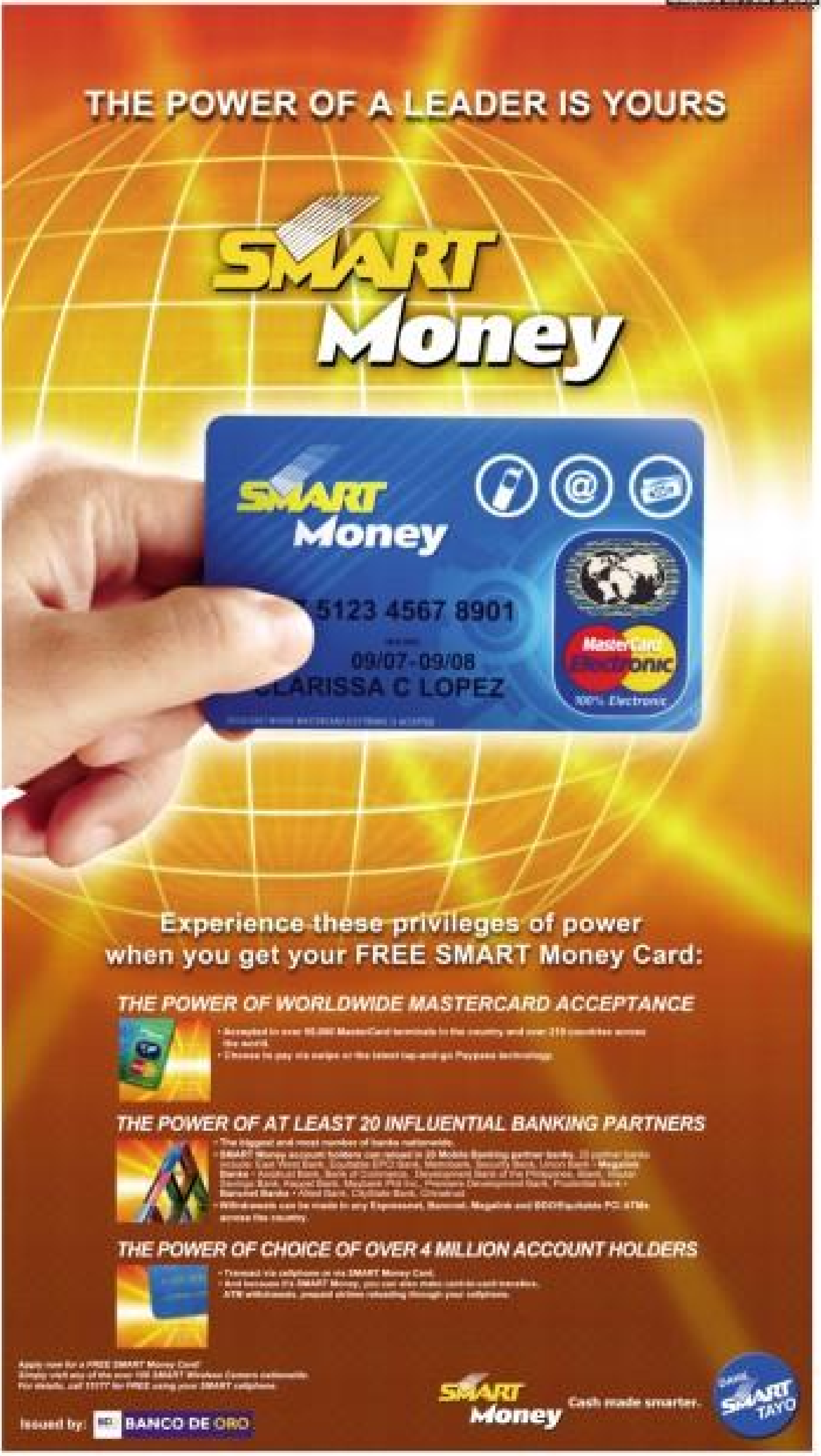
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No teary goodbyes for ex-councilors

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Bodyguard of stars' doctors reveals death threats

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Junk shop owner may face charges

Abusive drivers warned

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11 Manila traffic cops relieved from posts

Cops raid old shabu site

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Threats, intense opposition to US immigration bill

Bombs kill 25 in Baghdad, 3 British soldiers in Basra



Chastened Paris Hilton vows to ditch hard-partying ways

Blair, MidEast troubleshooter



WorldBriefs

Britain's Brown to name senior ministers

Senate panel issues subpoenas to White House

Concert birthday bash for the late Princess Diana

The WORLD

Israel launches offensives in Gaza, kills 12

GAZA CITY—TWELVE PALESTINIANS DIED ON Wednesday as Israel launched twin offensives in the Gaza Strip, triggering the deadliest violence since Hamas fighters overran the territory 12 days ago.

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Israel leader may escape rape charges

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Pope allows churches to revive old Latin Mass

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AMONG LATEST WORLD HERITAGE SITE

A ferry sails past the iconic Sydney Opera House, June 28, in Sydney, Australia. The structure was named a world cultural site Thursday, along with the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine in Japan, Parthian Fortresses of Nisa in Turkmenistan, and The Red Fort Complex in Delhi, India, after the Unesco's World Heritage Committee meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand.

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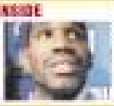


Aces try to slam door on Beermen tonight

Red Bull, Talk 'N Text break semis tie

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UAAP bets cleared next week

By Jasmine W. Payo

Bata adds spice to RPN-9 Poker Pool tourney



Buenavista eyes fourth KOTR title



Peping clears foreign stint of nat'l bets

SEAG winners likely to get more rewards

SPORTSWATCH

Blue Eagles hold cheer rally today

Gregorio, UAAP coaches lead SCOOP guests

Checkmate berths still available

Cainta derby finals today

3M Salpukan at Makati Coliseum



Dribbling feat lands in Guinness



EVANGELISTA: World dribbling champ

Villar heads NCAA Press Corps

Lions face Altas today

Lady Stags rip Lady Archers, gain finals



Dazz, Lhuillier forge MVBA title showdown

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Rain stalls Wimby march of Federer



ROGER Federer serves to Juan Martin Del Potro.



CAROLINE Wozniacki of Denmark returns the ball to Anastasiya Yakimova of Belarus during the first round of Wimbledon.

Serena, Venus head US team

Ochoa, Sorenstam pick to rule Women's Open



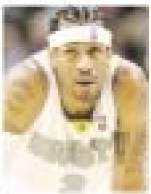
SCISSORS KICK: Brazil's Robinho makes a scissors kick during their Copa America Venezuela 2007 group B match against Mexico Wednesday. Mexico won, 2-0.

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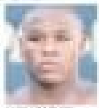
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Trail Blazers likely to tap Oden first in NBA draft



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Mayweather wants Hatton



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Royals complete Angels' mastery



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Orioles 4, Yankees 0

Rookie sumo wrestler dies

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Surge in 'hot money' inflows continues

Portfolio investments as of mid-June up 137%

By Daxim L. Lucas

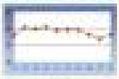
PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS OR 'HOT MONEY' CONtinued to flow into the red-hot stock market as of mid-June, as foreign investors kept their bullish outlook on the country's economic prospects, data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed.

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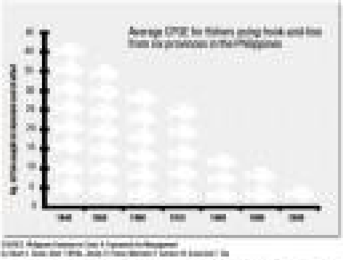


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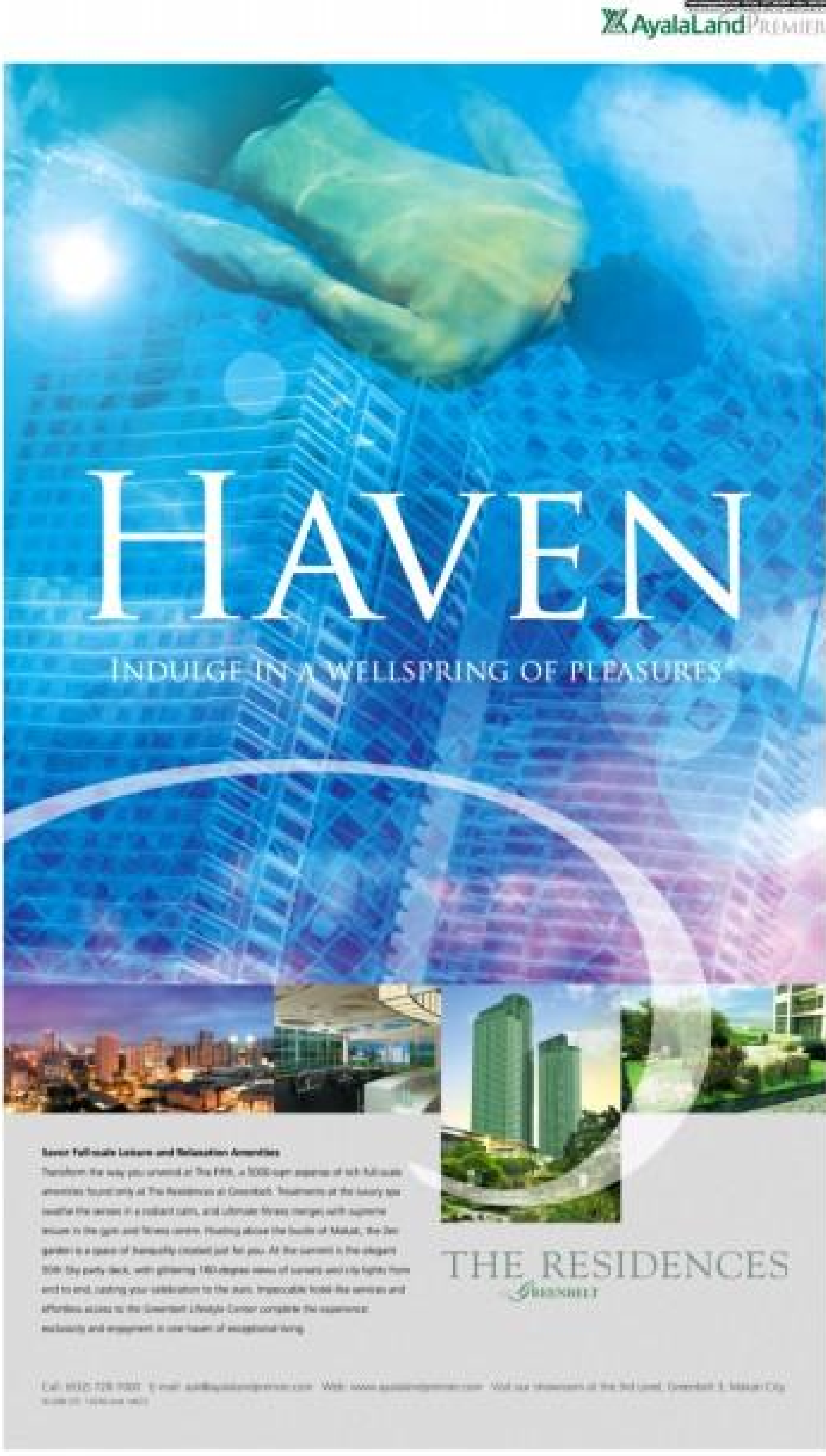
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ICTSI bags new deal in Subic

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Gov't to borrow ₱82B from domestic market

Bureau of Treasury resuming issuance of T-bills in 3rd quarter





PAL posts record profit of $140M

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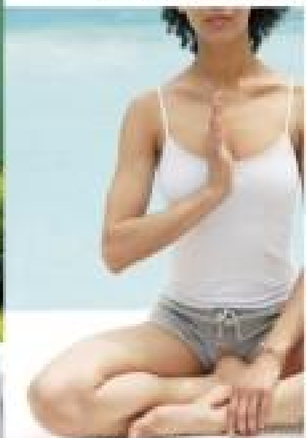
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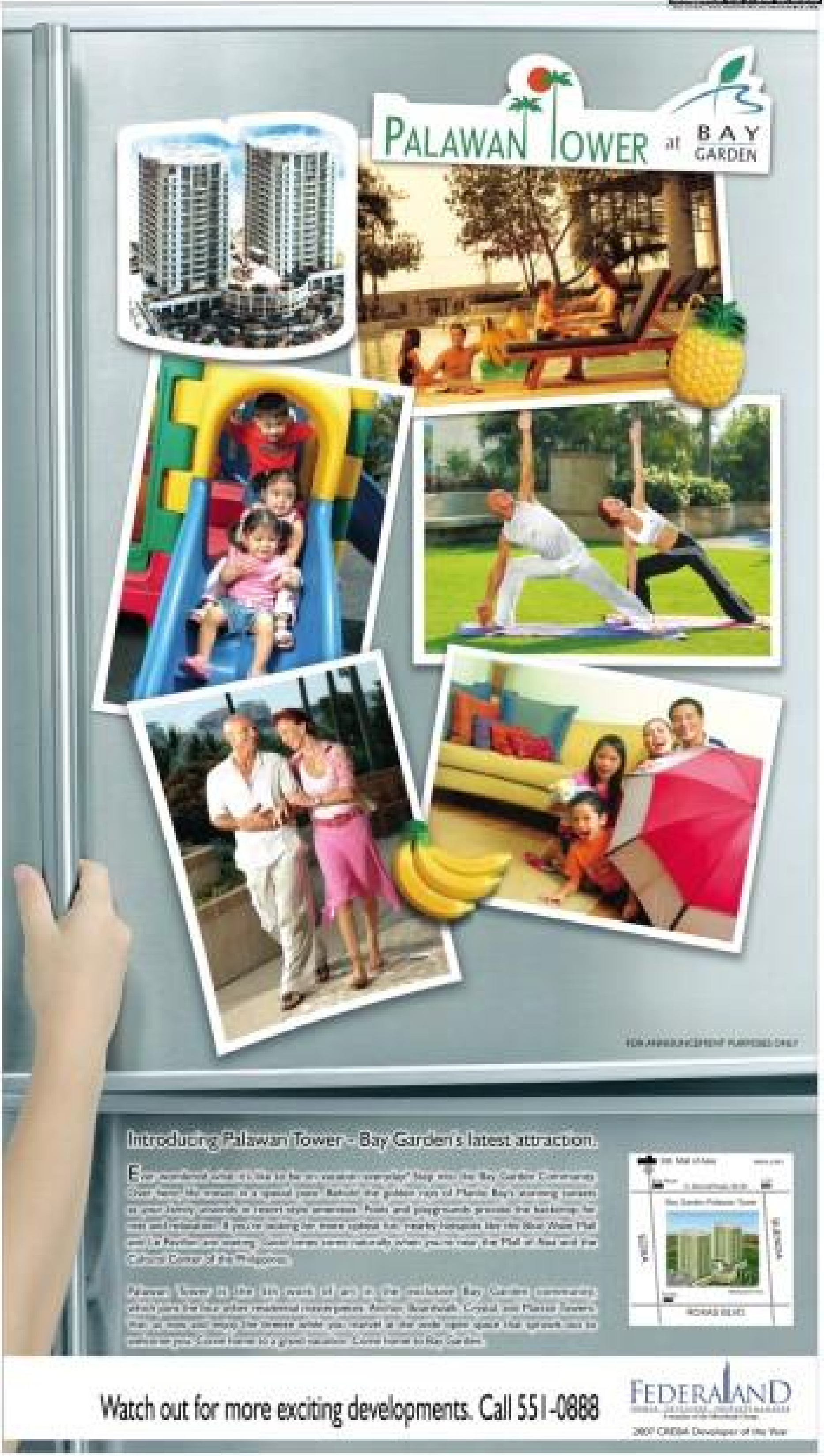
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The bag that roared



JanSport co-founder Skip Yowell was in town to promote his book on the bag legend's rise to power



THE CLASSIC

THE YEAR IS 1967. IN Seattle, Washington, a [illegible] of "long-haired hippies who spent too much time above the tree line," armed only with a shared passion for adventure, Bob Dylan and beer—and no de-[illegible]








Iloilo bridal wear comes of age


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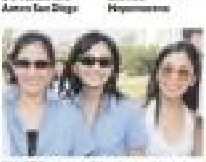
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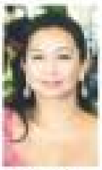
Lulu at Greenbelt 5

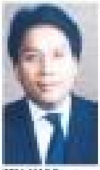


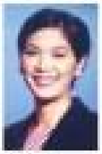







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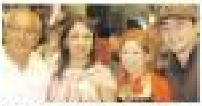
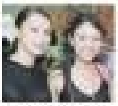

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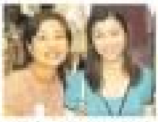


Polo tribute to Enzo










Yuppie feminine styles



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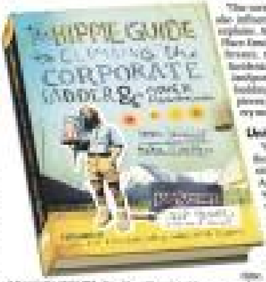


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The bag that roared







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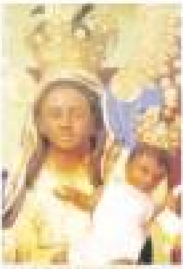






RP's new top model

Goings On



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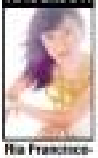
BEAUTY



Blushing bride

Yes, there is such a thing as bridal makeup. Usually, it means a clean and glowing look

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

A GOOD WEDDING IS ONE of the biggest events in her life. I know mine was. It can also be the most stressful and expensive in terms of preparations.

But a well-planned wedding can actually be a breeze and a more fun experience. Personally, I had fun preparing for my own. And I realized that as long as you know what you wanted and who to book, it didn't have to mean spending your life savings.

Because, in reality, the marriage starts after the "I dos."

After you have chosen your designer, the next step is to choose your makeup artist. If you are not familiar with makeup artists, why the very best person—your designer, who would know a thing or two about good bridal makeup.

Blushing bride

Wedding countdown







Grooming your groom



Wedding looks; the wonders of 'hilot'

MAKEOVER 911
Kinny Sabio



THE COLUMNIST

Pinoy massage





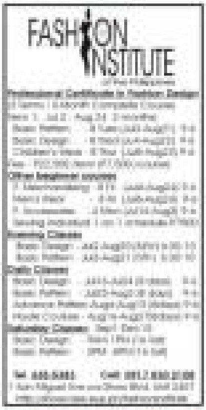
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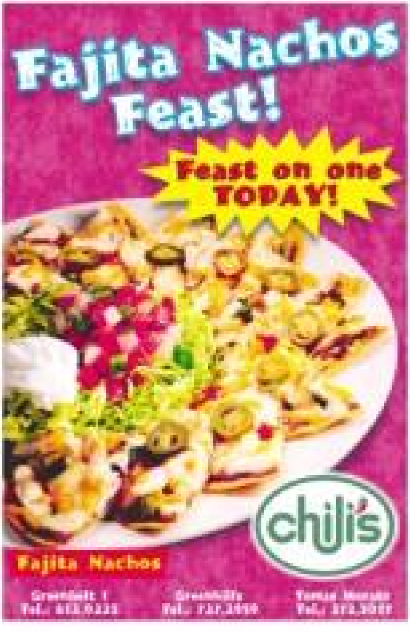













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APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

The perfect wedding gown

Keep in mind that your choice of finery must accentuate your best features while disguising your flaws

NOW THAT YOU'VE found the right man—your soul mate and best friend—and you're wearing that large rock on your left ring finger, it's time to buckle down to work and start planning your big day.

We're assuming that you're [illegible] six months [illegible] December and June are the most popular months for weddings, so book your church and reception

TURN TO [illegible]



The perfect wedding gown

Day dreams
Beaded white satin crepe gown with lilac chiffon detail and train by Edwin Tan, 0917-8453480

Photography Pat Dy
Styling Bianca Consunji
Makeup
Jiji Manuguid of Lined Pratt
Models
Patty Ortega and Rafael Kohler
Shot on location
at Discovery Shores, Boracay
Special thanks
to Suzie and Marlene Go
of Wedding Essentials

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women rarely). That means there's more than enough time to make the wedding of your dreams come true.

Weddings are truly special, once-in-a-lifetime affairs. It's that one extraordinary day when all eyes are focused on you, as you walk down that flower-strewn aisle in one of the happiest, most memorable moments of your life.

One aspect that will make your wedding more special and unique is your choice of wedding gown, the most important (and possibly most expensive) article of clothing you will ever purchase for the rest of your fashionable life.

Naturally, you want to find The One that would reflect your personality and express your dreams and ideals—not to mention make you look your most beautiful. Even though you'll probably end up wearing the gown just once in your life, it still has to create the most impact.

To help you find the perfect wedding gown, here are a few practical tips to consider:

Know thyself

You're getting married, so we're assuming you know who you are, inside and out. By now, you should already have a pretty good idea of the kind of wedding you want to have.

Then again, a little research in the style department always helps. Skim through bridal magazines and websites for themes, designs, color motifs that appeal to you. Here's the time to start a scrapbook of sorts, so you can keep track of choices that you'll eventually have to narrow down.

Knowing yourself also means accepting and working with the body you have. Always be mind that your choice of wedding gown must accentuate your best features while disguising your flaws.

Find inspiration

Still not sure of what kind of gown or wedding you want? Get your creative juices flowing by doing even more research.

Watch movies with wedding themes like "Father of the Bride" featuring a gorgeous Elizabeth Taylor or "Runaway Bride" with Julia Roberts. Or pick ideas from classics like "Gone with the Wind," "Gigi," "Funny Face," "Sabrina," "High Society" or "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Consider your theme

Once you've decided on the theme, take it into consideration when having your gown made. A (traditional) beach wedding, for instance, calls for something flowy, unstructured and a bit relaxed. A traditional wedding in a cathedral followed by a formal reception, on the other hand, will require a more formal gown in, say, Mikado silk, with a train and some embellishment.

Consider your budget

It is of utmost importance to know how much you can spend on your wedding gown. But it is even more important to know how you can get the gown you want with the budget you've set aside for it.

Start by asking around for recommendations. Friends who've recently tied the knot can offer good input on the best designers and prices. Bridal fairs are also good sources, as are magazines and wedding websites.

You can set appointments with around three designers of your choice to see if your styles, personalities and budgets jive. If not, ask around for a reliable couturier or dressmaker who might be able to help you out.

Consider your comfort

Comfort is also a primary concern, so don't choose a style you're not completely confident about. If you've never worn a strapless, body-hugging sheath, your wedding day is not the best time to try it out.

Also, when fitting your gown, try sitting, dancing and hugging to make sure that you can easily move around while entertaining your guests or going through the various wedding rituals. You can also try moving your arms around to make sure the shoulders and sleeves aren't constricting. Remember, comfort and confidence always go hand in hand.

Email the author at [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph



Precious moments
On Rafael: linen barong and pants by Edwin Tan, 0917-8453480.
On Patty: beaded silk gown by Mikki Colina, 0917-891 9966; necklace and bracelet from Liana.



Beaded bliss
Gown by Tina Bautista, [illegible]



Blushing bride
Fully embroidered gown with chiffon flower detail by Eric delos Santos, 0920-9534510.



Perfect pair



If the shoe fits

If you expect to dance all night at your wedding, then go for footwear that would allow you to look good without crippling you.









Honeymoon heaven

Do take the effort to dress stylishly during this most romantic of trips

Happily ever after

By [illegible]

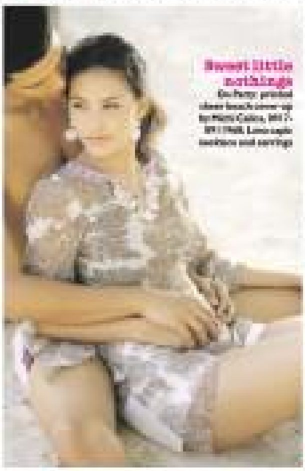
TRUE LOVE. UNBRIDLED PASsion. Sweet romance. These are but some of the ingredients that will make your honeymoon unforgettable and heavenly.

At this point in your relationship, it may not even matter what clothes you wear, or how you look. Everything is simply perfect when you're in love!

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Look of love

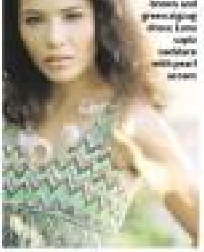


Sweet little nothings





Pretty as a picture



Blush of love

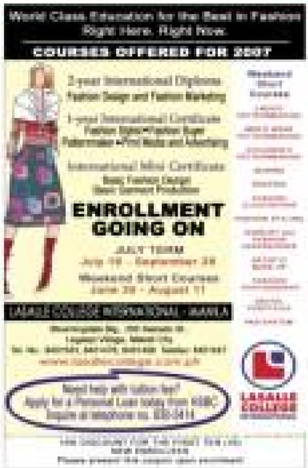
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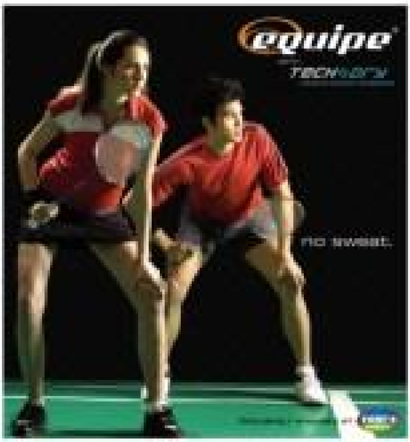


Gee, great fashion

WHAT IS KNOWN AS G2000 IN HONG KONG is now in the Philippines under the name GII (pronounced "G-two").

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HONG KONG's G2000, now in the Philippines under the name GII (pronounced "G-two"), has opened its first store in Trinoma, offering highly versatile coordinating pieces and refined separates.







The following GII labels are also available at the following GII stores: [illegible]



Mod world



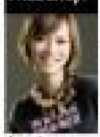
Groove is in the heart

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING in the tea, but for it seems that all things British are becoming the rage these days.

The invasion is all over the boxes here and the blogosphere: there's Beckham and Posh's move to Hollywood, Princess Di's 10th year anniversary, Helen Mirren's Oscar, Harry Potter's final book, Amy Winehouse's [illegible] fashion forward career.

In the ever-changing, time-warping scene of fashion, trends come and go and come back again. That's the case for that [illegible] third incarnation. I'm talking about Mod.

Mabuhay!



Jenni Epperson

I'm just mad for Mod. And for a good number of reasons.

Mod takes its name from "Modernism," a subculture that started out in London, characterized by slim cut Italian suits, jazz and rhythm and blues, plus an all night social life (spawning the term "Swinging Sixties").

Mods were obsessed with new fashions, and were [illegible] at the time, the rockers. Eventually Mod's definition expanded beyond, just to include other fashion and lifestyle elements, such as continental style and pop art.

Some visual props for Mod style: Think graphic print empire dresses and cropped hair-dos. Think Twiggy and her iconic doe-eyed photos with the pendulum eyelashes. Way before she became a guest judge on America's Next Top Model, Twiggy [illegible] the poster child for the Mod movement, which began in the late '50s and peaked in the mid '60s.

One cannot mention Mod without mentioning Ben Sherman, the British clothing company that became known as the wardrobe of choice by several famous artists and musicians. Ben Sherman's iconic Mod Target shirt design featured the colors of the British Royal Air Force.



Step in the style



Graphic appeal



Modern lines



Groupie, baby



We can all cheer that iconic UK brand Ben Sherman has opened a store right here in our corner of the world









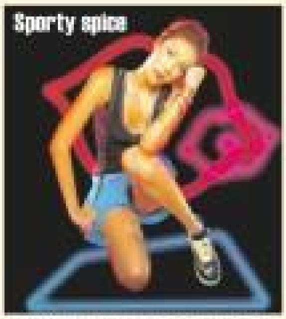
DEREK Lam prepares for the Tod's autumn-winter '07 presentation.

On the Lam!



THE TOD'S autumn-winter '07 collection marries the brand's inherent luxury and quality with Derek Lam's contemporary style.

Sporty spice



LIFESTYLE

LIFE-STYLED

Thelma Sioson San Juan

Trailblazing designer and lifestyle visionary





People don't know it, but Auggie Cordero helped shape lifestyle media coverage

TRAILBLAZING B3



Fashion flashback



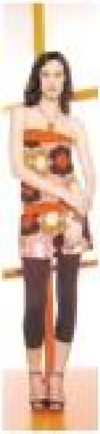
THE NEW WAVE:



BACK FLASH:



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TOP STORY:

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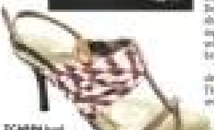


Crossings in Trinoma introduces more upcoming and exciting designers

Fashion future forward



CAMPANI bag by Rosalinder (P4,4..)



ECARPA heel (P1,4..)

Text by [illegible]
Photo by [illegible]

CALL IT BLIND FAITH, BUT Alexandra Ramos-Padilla's confidence in local fashion designers is a bit admirable.

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FASHION H3



CRISS [illegible] dress (P1,[illegible]); [illegible] dress by Richie Ortega (P9,[illegible])



WALLFLOWER top with detachable collar (P800)



FAITH Lord Hagen-organized dress (P1,500)



DRESS by Cosmo XXL (P1,800)



DRESS by Nectar (P1,995)



DRESS by Vals (P2,290)



FAITH Hope Lord dress (P959)

Fashion future forward



MUNDO shirt (P1,800)



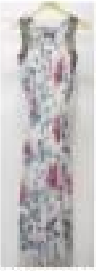
MEN'S shirt by Mundo (P1,650)

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seen from Singapore's eBuzz label by Desmond Hang, and KMF, from Jakarta.

Fausto-Padilla seems undeterred in this venture, even as she's aware of The Ramp that held other major fashion labels previously brought here. "I hope positioning the brands this way, grouping them together in one place will work. If they become a hit, maybe we can later give them their own space," she says. Fausto-Padilla's ears are constantly close to the ground, actively looking out for promising items in trade and local designers that she can bring into her store.

The greater part of The Ramp is devoted to women's wear, with some exquisite casual and dressy labels for men, including some athletic clothing and footwear. It also has sportswear and casualwear from Australia, like Running Bare, Bonds, Pony, Proud Mary, plus a section devoted to easy innerwear and body shapes. A first there seems to be, Fausto-Padilla sends out a caption for ... also represented.



UNITED Pop dress (P1,650, small size)



PRET-A-PARTY dress (P2,950)



DIANA Tran jacket (P1,300)



DIANA Tran shirt (P900)



PANDANGO top (P1,800)



SONIA long dress (P5,700)



KSML top (P2,050)



TOP by Nectar (P1,295)



AOYZZ skirt (P2,899)



AOYZZ shirt (P1,990)



KV Note top (P1,490)



AOYZZ top (P2,120)



FLY Mum silk skirt (P9,690)



WALLFLOWER flats



STRIDE wedge heel shoes (P1,800)



SHOES by Urge (P1,320)





WALLFLOWER shoes (P2,995)



DRESS by United Pop (P2,400)



KSML dress (P2,100)



BEADED purse by Cassette (P1,800)



MINI purse by Proud Mary (P650)



CANDIDY bag (P1,600)



BEADED bag by Proud Mary (P3,800)



SORBETS and margarita glasses



TASTEFUL table setting by Multiple Choice plates and saucers; spoon, fork and knife



SIXTEEN-PIECE dinnerware set by Tuscany

A Space of your own



COMPLETE collection of bathroom accessories, from shower curtains, non-skid bath mats to towels, lotion and bubble dispensers and tissue boxes



MOULINEX juicer



KRUPS coffeemaker

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Ramos-Padilla and Cosca work constantly with local suppliers and exporters to come up with a curated selection of home accents. Some exporters even create exclusive designs only for Crossings. "I also attend home fairs or exhibits to look for more suppliers. We keep on looking for something unique and ready are ... proud because you can't tell them if they are too expensive," says Ramos-Padilla.

Most of Crossings' furniture, such as wood dividers and dining tables, are imported from Malaysia, Bangkok and China.

So, whether you're furnishing a room or an entire home, you'll find the products in Crossings helpful in your space to the perfect abode.



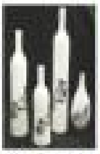
CROSSINGS' kitchen and dining showcase



GLASS-COVERED stainless steel chafing dish with built-in burner



DINING utensils sold individually: spoon, fork, table knife, teaspoon and cake fork



SLEEK vases with floral print



PRINTED table napkins



The home corner at Crossings in Trinoma provides homemakers a variety of individual styles

A Space of your own



CROSSINGS' general manager Alexandra Ramos-Padilla

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IS THERE ANYTHING MORE appealing than easing into a comfy overstuffed sofa?

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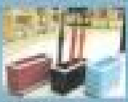
CHIC accent chairs (P1,999 each)



MULTIHUED waste baskets [illegible]



MAGAZINE racks, [illegible]



UMBRELLA bins and multipurpose boxes with wheels [illegible]



COLOR-COORDINATED bathroom accessories [illegible]



FLOWER bathroom set [illegible]



CROSSINGS' The Space presents various home improvement ideas.



L-SHAPED sofa [illegible] with wooden coffee table [illegible], imported from Malaysia

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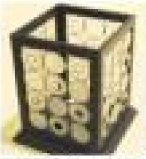
ERGONOMICALLY designed executive chair [illegible]



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HURRICANE [illegible]



CLASSIC bedding collection [illegible]



[illegible] dividers and accent pieces [illegible]



RED cube stool [illegible]



STYLISH sequined throw pillows [illegible]



FAUX leather throw pillows in three colors [illegible]

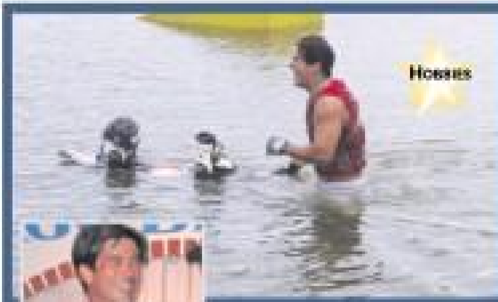
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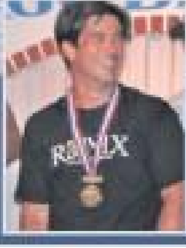
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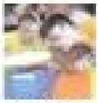




AGA MUHLACH

Playtime for stars





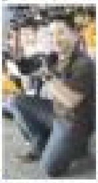






















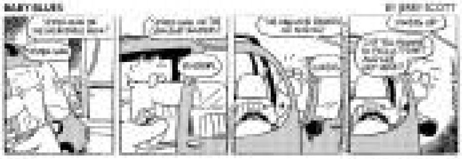
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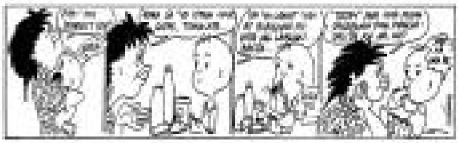
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MUTTS BY PATRICK McDONNELL



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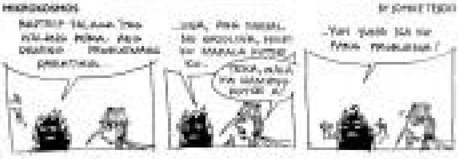


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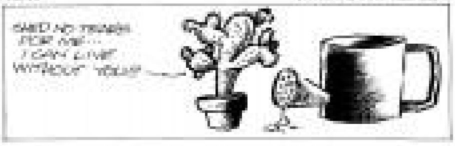


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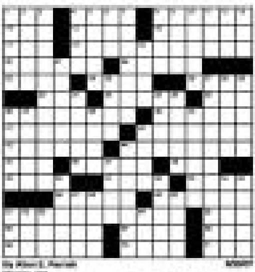
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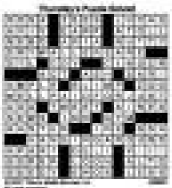


BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD





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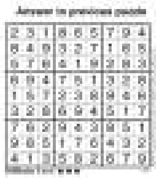
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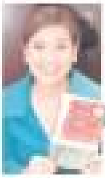
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



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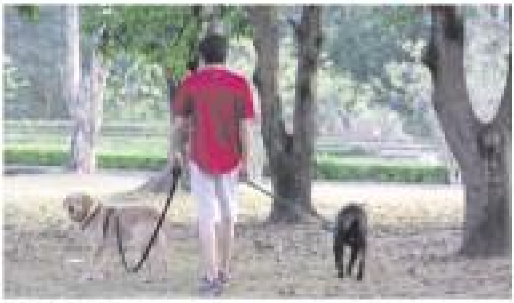


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"I HAVE lots of [illegible]," says Beverly Salviejo, [illegible]

How to have a house like this

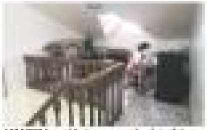
By Marinel R. Cruz
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Comedian Beverly Salviejo happily gave house-hunting tips to Living Stars during our visit to her three-story town house in Quezon City last week.

For starters, she said, it's best to go house-hunting in July—or during the rainy season—so "you can check for leaking pipes, clogged drainage and flooding."

Beverly also said that, in choosing a dwelling place, "You should listen to your instincts. There was a time when I ignored my gut feel and I had a terrible experience. When we moved to that house, my kids all became sickly and our business collapsed."

Beverly added that one should also consider the "flexibility" of the developer in relation to payments. "I couldn't afford a 30-percent down payment. When I told my developer, he said it wasn't a problem," she explained.



HARRY, her eldest son, spends a lot of time in the study room on the third floor.

For those who are just starting to furnish their homes, Beverly—who is into wooden pieces—had this to say: "Don't rush. Hunt for bargains. Wait for the price to go down before buying a piece that you like."

Find places that sell cheap but quality stuff, Beverly added. For instance, the Tiagdian Arcade in Manila, Casa Viejo in San Juan or flea markets at the World Trade Center in Pasay.

To save money, learn to refurbish and redecorate your own furniture. "I varnished my bedside cabinets," she said, "and reupholstered the couch in my living room."

For Beverly, nothing beats having a home of your own. "Work hard and save up for your own house," she advised. "Build wealth. That's what I did. I didn't want to end up like other show biz workers who would make the rounds of TV shows asking for help."



THIS wooden chest is one of the first pieces she ever bought. "It has grapes [carved design] for good luck," the proud owner says.



RATTAN [illegible] from Palawan, the wooden Buddha figurine from Paete, Laguna. The cabinet holds [illegible] pieces that she made herself.



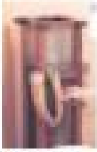
SHE had some of her cross stitch pieces framed and mounted on the wall. The angel figure in a glass case is another gift, this one from [illegible].



BEVERLY had most of the rails in her [illegible] done for a sale. "[illegible]"



ACCENT chair, left, is from Ilocos Norte. At right is an authentic antique side table, a cherished gift from a friend.



Horn-shaped ornaments are from Papua New Guinea.



Beverly varnished the wooden drawer beside the bed by herself. The bedframe itself is made from sturdy mahogany.





WINDOWS that used to be sliding glass panels were replaced when Beverly's son said they reminded him of [illegible] windows.

JUST outside the bedroom window are her lily, aloe and [illegible] plants.



SHE assembled this water fountain, now home to several goldfish.



THE DINING room mirror, a present from husband [illegible], will soon be replaced with wooden planks and her figurine collection.



THE PLAIN-looking mirror bought from a department store turned into an elegant piece after it was framed in wood.

ENTERTAINMENT



MONSTER filmmakers? Shia (left) and Josh Duhamel flank their controversial "Transformers" director, Michael Bay.

Shia LaBeouf on 'Indiana Jones 4,' 'Transformers'

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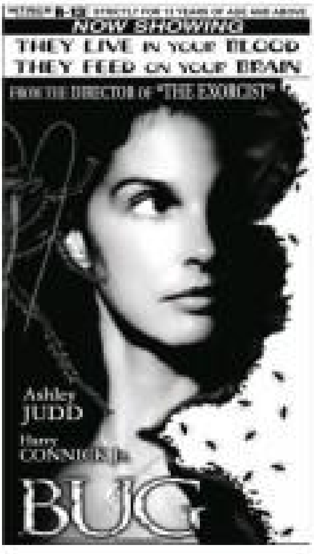
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